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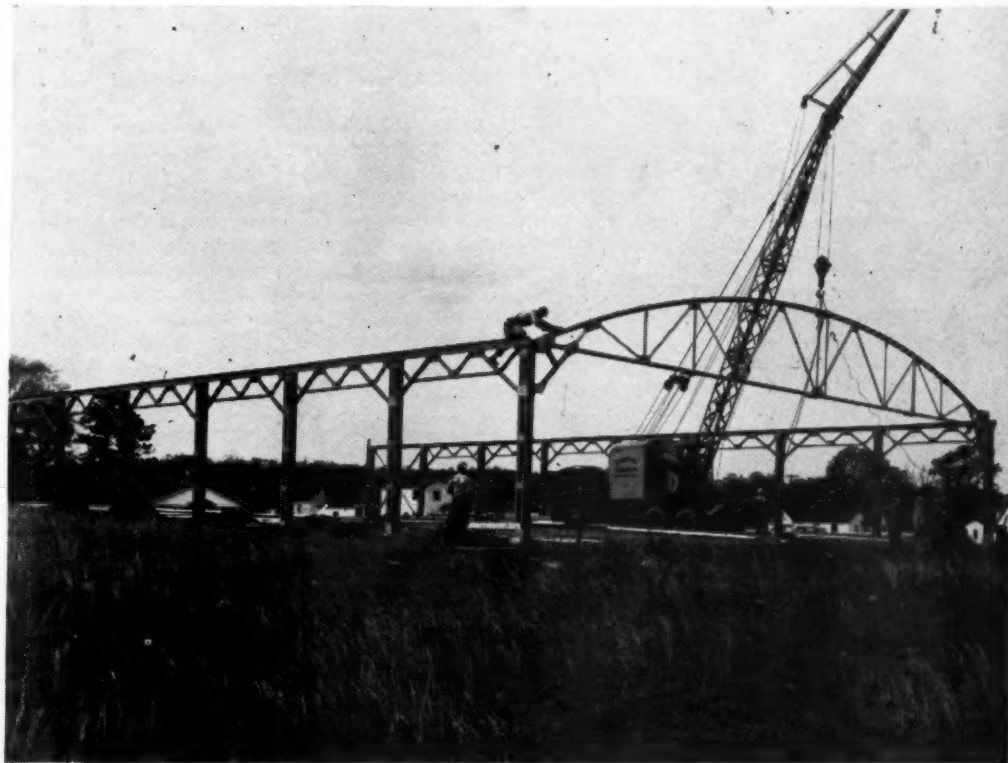
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This is the large steel tabernacle, 80x120, with one of the first trusses being raised by the erection company on the Alabama State Campground. As far as we know, it is the only steel structure of this size in the Church of God. Our prayer is that we shall have a great camp meeting, July 1-10.

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NOTICE

The northern youth convention for the State of West Virginia will convene June 5-7 at 320 S. 14th Street, Clarksburg, W. Va.—Brady Dennis, State Youth Director.

**REVIVALS
CHERAW**

We praise the Lord for the revival here at Cheraw, S. C., with Evangelists Annie Jones and Bessie Connor. The special singing and music was enjoyed and the wonderful gospel messages were very inspiring. The church was blessed and there were nine saved, one sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church.—Rev. C. L. Hall, pastor.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—We recently closed a three weeks' revival. There were six saved, several sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water, and thirteen added to the church. We love and appreciate our good pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Free.

The Sunday School and Y. P. E. are showing substantial increases and the Lord is with us. We desire an interest in your prayers, that many more souls will be blessed.—Mrs. Bessie Dobson, reporter.

It is easy for people to feel led to do things they naturally want to do.



from the
GENERAL OVERSEER'S DESK

A GREAT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Recently, in a conversation with Brother Earl P. Paulk, pastor of our largest church in Greenville, S. C., he told me that their Sunday School had averaged 1,009 in attendance the first six Sundays in this quarter.

Brother Paulk is one of our best preachers and most wide-awake enthusiastic pastors. He runs his church very much on the order of a camp meeting. Every service has an evangelistic appeal.

The Greenville church has always been a very loyal band of saints, not only doing a great and outstanding work in their local community, but contributing heavily to our Orphanage and foreign mission work. They were the first congregation in the Church to contribute as much as one thousand dollars in a foreign mission collection.

Our strong churches, like Greenville, S. C., North Cleveland, Tenn., Kannapolis, N. C., Atlanta, Ga., and several more I could mention, are due great credit for the expansion of our work into many of the states of the Union and into foreign countries. They have furnished both money and talent, and we do thank God for them and hundreds of other churches who love God and His cause and are willing to spend and to be spent for Him.

THE 100-YEAR CHURCH

"Dear Brother Jernigan:

"We arrived here in Century, Fla., and found a wide-open field for the

Church of God. We started preaching every night in a small tent, and for seven weeks there was doubt, criticism, and many other things, but we held on, and on April 29 we organized a church with sixteen members, a Sunday School with fifty-three members, a Y.P.E. with forty-four members, and at the first meeting of the L.W.W.B. there were fourteen present. We give God all the praise.—Loran V. Hall, Century, Fla."

NEWS FROM CANADA

Brother Pettyjohn, overseer of Central Canada, writes that he has set a new church in order in Parkhill, Ontario. He does not have a pastor and is having to take care of the work himself, but is erecting the new gospel tent in a new field near Parkhill. He is hoping to build up a circuit, then trust God to send him a pastor for it. He states that he is willing to sacrifice, but all he needs and wants is tools to do the job.

Out where Missouri meets Kansas on the Kansas City, Kansas, District, they have had a wonderful district convention. Brother G. W. Messer is the district pastor, and he said that at the first of this Assembly year they had only two churches and forty-one members. Now they have three churches and sixty members; yet when you stop to think about their raising \$500 for missions and \$420 for the Orphanage, this is still a small number for such a large job.

EVANGEL DRIVE

Through June to July 31 we will accept yearly subscriptions to the Church of God Evangel at a price of \$1.00 for each subscription. Provided this drive will increase the circulation of the Evangel as much as 15,000, we shall allow the price to remain at \$1.00 after July 31. The cost of paper since 1942 has increased more than 75 per cent, labor and other production costs more than 70 per cent. Only a substantially increased circulation to the Evangel can possibly offset these increases to where it will be possible to continue to offer the Evangel at a price of \$1.00 per year. The possibilities are yours to determine the future price of the Evangel by the results of this drive.

Mail subscriptions to the CHURCH OF GOD PUBLISHING HOUSE, as subscriptions will be entered earlier. If mailed to Editor-in-Chief, Business Manager, or General Secretary, there is the possibility that they will be delayed in these offices before reaching the Publishing House bookkeeping department. As early as you have a reasonable quantity of subscriptions, mail them in. Do not delay a quantity of subscriptions while you obtain others. This will aid us in getting them entered sooner.—E. C. Clark, Business Manager.

Unity of the Spirit

UNITY of the SPIRIT is one of the most essential conditions that could possibly exist in the circles of Christian society. Paul informs us that the UNITY of the Spirit in its most perfect setting is found in "the bonds of PEACE." But he knew that peaceful zones were scarce, hard to acquire, and equally as hard to defend against the hordes of aggressors. Therefore, he instructed us to "ENDEAVOUR to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace."

In the first place the Spirit will only take up His abode in the heart that is filled with the peace of God. The Spirit, therefore, is not found in the heart that is housing an Ishmael, the trouble-maker with Isaac, the newborn CREATURE. When the Spirit comes in, it simply means that all others have been evicted and the heart has been thoroughly swept and garnished, leaving the heart groomed fully with tranquility, joy, and happy anticipation of the filling of the Spirit. And is it saying too much to state that such a condition must be maintained for the Spirit to abide with us?

First of all, there must of necessity be complete UNITY between my mortal spirit and the Holy Spirit. Cordiality and courtesy to the Holy Spirit must not stop upon His moving into our hearts, nor ever thereafter. We are to use caution lest we "quench" the Spirit. There is also a possibility of "grieving" the Spirit, and this we must guard against if we desire that He stay in our hearts.

Obedience to the Holy Spirit is a pure guarantee of unquestionable UNITY with Him in all things. Paul in the following verses from Acts, gives us a soul-stirring message on this thought: "Behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." There is no question about a person's loyalty, cooperation, unrestricted obedience, and perfect UNITY with the Spirit when he conducts himself like this.

By J. D. Bright, Pastor
Alabama City, Ala.



REV. J. D. BRIGHT

The individual who is thus given over to the Holy Spirit fits perfectly in that group of Christians who are Spirit-filled and who seek to know the "mind of the Spirit" and strive to do it. From such societies and among such groups there emanates the spirit of fellowship and peaceful harmony that is as beautiful as the colors in the rainbow and as welcome as the warm rays of the sun on a cold December day.

The one report of all reports that a Spirit-controlled assembly desires to give, is phrased in these words, "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost." When the decisions in our councils, committee meetings, and assemblies are suffixed in sincerity by this apostolic statement, it affects us like sliding the rock of Gibraltar beneath us; we know that our foundation is sure. On the other hand, when we are uncertain as to the approval of the Spirit, and decisions are reached after long and heated debate, during which time the Spirit and our spirits are grieved and hurt, we find ourselves stripped of confidence, earnest zeal, and faith, and that we are on a sand bar, subject to changes in our decisions in the next meeting, as the sand bar is changed by the recurring wind and flood.

The purpose of the Spirit in our lives is to endue us with power for service for God in His Church. If you are never to be anything but a good layman, you need the Spirit. If you are to serve in any position as a leader, you are most assuredly unqualified without the Spirit. Then there is another thing that we must keep in mind and that is that the Spirit in my life must cooperate with the Spirit in your life, and work for God, and that such unity must exist between the Spirit in the individuals throughout the Church of God to assure continued success.

There is a kindred fellowship and love in the church family that does not exist in any other organization or order in the world. And if and when the Holy Spirit is in my heart and in your heart, you have the same Spirit that I have. When we have differences and fail to understand alike, it is generally conflict between your spirit and my spirit, but never between the Holy Spirit in you and me, for He is one. After all, your five senses are yours individually, and so are mine. Our use of these senses in such private and individualistic fashion goes farther in classifying us as finite and limited, perhaps, than anything else of which we are guilty. For some things we are pardonable, I am sure, but when we find that the work of our spirits is grieving and offending the Holy Spirit it is time to stop.

I have been a witness of and a party to incidents of this very nature in some of the greatest meetings, with some of the most God-fearing and Holy-Spirit-filled ministers and members in this world. There was contention that reached the strongest of tension; speeches that cut like swords and pierced like daggers, yet falling from the lips of sincere and honest speakers, who, in some instances, had more zeal than knowledge and as a consequence our spirits were unjustly injured and the Holy Spirit was grieved. But, let me hasten to say, that I have the first such meeting ever to be in but what there were enough consecrated vessels, that the Holy Spirit could work through and with, to restore a pleasant-feeling atmosphere—and pour upon the troubled waters healing oil. Many times the tension

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BIBLE GLINTS *and* Late Events

BY THE EDITOR

"FULL GOSPEL BROADCAST"

Del Rio, Texas

Every night, Monday through Friday, 9:00 to 9:15 p.m. CST. Tune in 1570 on your dial. Hear Rev. John C. Jernigan, General Overseer of the Church of God.

Happy Birthday to You

Have your Sunday School to sing both verses.

Happy birthday to you,
Happy birthday to you.
God bless you and keep you
Another year through.

Happy birthday to you,
Only one will not do.
"Born again" means salvation—
How many have you?

—Selected. **

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WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

When Texas was struck twice within the same week by two major disasters, the Rev. Frank Langham, secretary of the American Bible Society's office in Dallas, went immediately into action. He visited Texas City before the fires had burned out, met with the Ministerial Alliance there, and left supplies of Scriptures and the assurance that future needs would be provided.

Stopping in Dallas only long enough to pick up more Scriptures, Mr. Langham hurried on to the tornado disaster area in the Texas-Oklahoma Panhandle area. There he found a 125-mile strip of desolation. One or two small villages had been destroyed completely and one large city had 222 blocks demolished. There again Mr. Langham met with the ministers and began a thorough program of survey and supply. He reports that many more volumes of the Scriptures will be needed in the storm area than in Texas City, because so many individual families and homes were affected.

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A TIME TO SOW

"He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man,"
Matt. 13:37.

In the text, the Son of Man is the Sower. Man is to be the son of toil. He is to toil—sow seed and reap the harvest. Christ sows the good seed that His Father gives Him. As men employ servants to work, so the Son of Man hires servants to work together with Him. He calls to parents, teachers, preachers, and children, everyone, to sow the seed. As for the seed in the parable of the wheat and tares, the good seed is said to be the "the children of the kingdom"; in the parable of the sower, it is "the word of the kingdom." The children of the kingdom are those who have received the Word of God into their honest hearts. The Word, the truth spoken by Jesus, and the Word preached by inspired, anointed men called of God, is sown in the hearts. Hearts should receive the ingrafted Word

with meekness, for it is powerful, giving eternal life to the receiver.

But remember, and beware, for there is another power—the old devil, who sows evil in men's hearts, which changes them to sons of the wicked one, whose fruit is evil.

LET US CONSIDER THE SOIL

All the seed sown do not bring forth fruit, and that that produces is not of the same percentage. Take care how we receive the Word. Jesus gives us four kinds of hearers. There are some hard hearts, like the seed sown by the wayside, which never produce, on whom the WORD makes little or no impression, and is soon forgotten. The evil one, like birds, snatches it away. Others, like the rocky soil, receive the seed, but when the sun of persecution or trouble arises, their thin-crust experience withers away. Still others, with hearts full of worldly cares and love of money, are choked out spiritually so that they produce no fruit. The fourth and enviable soil—the hearts that honestly and sincerely let the Word of God take root in their innermost being, bring forth fruit, some an hundred-, sixty-, and some thirtyfold.

At last comes the harvest. Notice, in the first three kinds of soil the good seed failed, but the evil flourished. In every city, town and community where the Word is preached, there are those who hear the same songs, prayers, testimonies, and sermons. Some will accept the message which will bring forth a great harvest, and others will let the opportunity pass and never turn to God. Remember, the end is sooner or later coming, and the tares will be burned and the wheat gathered into the garner. Be careful how you hear.

There is a time to sow and a time to reap. Most everyone prefers the reaping time, the ripe golden grain, the luscious fruit, melons and all the bountiful edibles of the harvest. It is also true of work for the Master—too many desire to see the reaping of rewards, the great harvest of souls during a revival, the glorious outpourings of old camp meetings, the blessings, yes, showers of blessings and refreshings from the Lord. But remember, before the harvest there must be the sowing, planting, cultivating, watering, pruning, days of toil, sweat and eager waiting. Likewise before the revival, there must be those who travel in prayer. Many times, months before the evangelist reaches the community, the earnest people begin the noble work of prayer. In many new fields the evangelist and party must labor in the Word and prayer, and sow the seed, and little results are visible, but later, another comes along watering and immediately new life (eternal life) shoots forth.

Theory is a funny little thing that doesn't work unless you do.

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The man who is born with a silver spoon in his mouth rarely makes much stir with it.

Go Straight, Young Man

By Carley Funderbuck

Friends, I have a little story to tell. I am a young man, and at one time I was free. I went to church once in a while, but I had the idea that religion was for old men and women. Let me say I was wrong, and I learned too late.

I am in prison now and will be an old man when I get out. Please listen, young friends, the sinful way of the world is no way to live. I know how you feel; I felt the same way. No one could have told me I would be in prison and made me believe it; but God was watching me while the devil had me in the prison gates. Yes, I would like to have another chance, but it is too late now. I can live a good Christian life in prison, I know, and I am doing that. But it is no fun staying behind bars like this. I have a little boy out there somewhere; he is only three years old now, but he will be eighteen when I get out. You don't know how hard it is for a man not to see his only son for fifteen years. God only knows what will happen to him or me in fifteen years, so you see crime doesn't pay.

I thought I knew it all, but I knew nothing. When some of the good Christians would come up to me and say: "Would you like to go to the altar and take Christ as your Savior tonight?" I would say, "No, I am not ready to live a Christian life—some other time." I wonder what God thought of me after all He had done for me. He sent His only Son to die for my sins and all the sins of the world, and I said, "No, not tonight!" Sometimes I think God should have forgotten me and let me die in the gutter, but He made a promise which He did not forget. He said in Revelation 22:17, "And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." God never forgets at any time, but how often we forget Him. We should think of Him more and do more to show the world there is a power much stronger than



anything the world has to offer us.

I look into the faces of prisoners here, and I see on their pale faces a picture of love, sorrow, hate, and loneliness. Did you ever look at five thousand men and know that they all wanted to be free? Well, it is a sight to see. Some of them would go straight if they had the chance to do so. Did you ever kneel on a cement floor to pray at night? Did you ever stay in a lonely little cell three hundred and

sixty-five days a year? Well, I have, and, believe me, it is very tough. Please, young fellows, don't do wrong, for if you do the law will catch you, and then you will have to pay.

Did you ever walk back and forth in your room when you were worried about something? If you were in one of these prisons you would walk. I have walked from one end of my cell to the other a million times or more. I have lain on my bed and could not sleep. Did you ever want to see your loved ones and could not? Did you ever talk to your wife through bars? I have. So think before you start a life of crime. This is from a lonely convict behind prison walls, who needs the prayers of all who pray. How I wish I could have another chance at life. God knows I would go straight. But first I have to pay for the crime I committed. By the help of God I will never go back on Him who has done so much for me. Amen.

God and man are co-workers and without God man can do nothing. Religion is the bulwark of nations, the essence of character, the foundation stone of success, the perfume of Christianity.

Pray for me.

Good and Evil from a Revival

By Rev. D. H. Delk

(Continued)

"Out of the same mouth (revival) proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be."

Our first part on this subject was mostly to the evangelists, and I hope it was a blessing, as our desire is to speak the truth in love. I think the evangelist is a very important asset to the church. In fact, many of us pastors would not have a good church to pastor if some evangelist had not made a great sacrifice in establishing it. Many of us pastors are drawing the tithes from good members that some evangelist labored and travelled in pain to get out of the miry clay and on the solid rock, yes, inside the church, to stand by us pastors. **MANY OF THE PASTORS NEVER HAVE GONE INTO A NEW FIELD AND DUG OUT A NEW CHURCH, YET WE WANT ONE OF THE BEST.** (Now, pastors, if you feel something inside you flaring up a little, then pray.)

Many times I am made to wonder what is wrong with so many of our pastors. Don't they value their word? Don't they want to be truthful? Don't they realize they can't do wrong and get by? Don't they mind telling the evangelist an absolute falsehood? When a pastor promises an evangelist a revival at a certain time, then at the last minute disappoints him and leaves him to lose two or three weeks, and maybe he has a large family and heavy house rent; well, I think it is a dirty trick. It is very common and un-Christlike, and a pastor who does such tricks should go to the altar, pray through, and get a salvation that will make him do right and tell the truth. But someone says, "Circumstances alter cases." Yes, that is true, and the altar will alter our case also. I think a pastor who has a member or members who are likely to upset his plans in this, should not make promises. "My brethren, these things ought not to be."

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The Hindrance of the Gospel

By Andrew C. Vance
State Youth Director of Oklahoma

Text: 2 Timothy 4:5, "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

The apostle Paul, in giving this admonition to his son in the Spirit, Timothy, knew that the time would come when things would arise and hinder the cause of the gospel.

Jesus knew there were such times coming as He spoke of in Matt. 24:10-12, "And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of MANY SHALL WAX COLD."

1. Inconsistency in Prayer

Today there is that cold, clammy feeling among the saints of God. Do you know why? Because of our inconsistency in prayer. We have chosen, rather than prayer, a form of religion, in a sense. We have and are neglecting the greatest thing God has given us the privilege to do, and that is to PRAY! Prayer is the only thing that opens heaven's door. Yet we have grown so cold that we fail in this one thing. I do not know of anything that would be more detrimental to the growth of a Christian, or anything that would sap our victory as Christians any quicker, than to neglect prayer. A prayerless life is indeed an empty, VAIN LIFE. When we become so dilatory in our everyday life as to forget to pray, we are becoming as dross in the Master's hands.

There is an old adage which is very true, "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." When we, as Christians, fail to pray, then we give access to all kinds of evil thoughts and surmisings. This hinders the progress of the gospel.

It is very bad to listen to a minister trying to preach who hasn't prayed his message down from God. It is all right to have programs. If we are given a subject by our state overseer, or our state youth director, for the camp

meeting or convention, then let us pray and ask God to anoint us with the message, that souls might find God in this crucial hour.

We wonder why there are not more sinners coming to the house of God than are nowadays. If you and I prayed as we should, there would be greater results. Prayerless lives will hinder the gospel in going forth in its fulness.

2. Self-importance

So many of our people have the impression that no one can preach but them, no one can sing but them, no one can lead a testimony service but them. These are self-important folks, and this is a great hindrance to the gospel.

I am reminded of a story I heard one time of a poor old sister back in the days when they invited folks to funerals. The story goes that they had a funeral in her community and didn't invite her. She became furiously angry and said, "That's all right, I'll have a funeral one of these days myself, and I won't invite a one of you."

God help us as ministers of the gospel to pray and be a blessing to each other, regardless of how weak and unimportant we may seem. Let us give God all the glory and praise and honor for all things, and then folks will have confidence in our lives and the gospel can go forth in its fulness to win souls for Christ.

Paul admonished Timothy, "But watch thou in all things." God has set us upon the wall as watchmen. Paul said, in Romans 14:1, "Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations." Just because our brother perhaps has not had the opportunity, as some have, to receive an education, let us not think God can't use him, but forget about SELF and pray for our brother to deliver the gospel.

3. Inconsistent in Work

When we are called into the ministry, there is a work to be done. Visit the poor and needy and the sinner, and talk with him about the Lord. James said that to show respect of persons is

sin. He also said, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." James 1:27, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Visit the sick, Mark 16:18, "They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

4. Inconsistent in Giving

The gospel is being hindered greatly because the people can't grasp the significance of giving. Missionaries are standing in need today. Orphans are in need of your help. There are 11,000,000 Hitler children in Germany today. Poland has 100,000 orphans in that small country. Juvenile delinquency is running rampant in our country. Of all the arrests, ninety-seven per cent are in the teen age. The gospel needs to go forth but we are hindered in doing what we would like to do because of the inconsistency of giving. In Germany, our missionary, that good man who endured such hardships during the war, is beseeching us who lived fat during the time he was in the prison camp of Germany, to open our pocketbooks and give, that the gospel might go forth.

Let us get the VISION of SOULS, pay tithes and give our offerings, then let us not forget that God exacts from us our time as well as our funds. This is a lazy time and a time when folks can find many plausible excuses to keep from attending the house of God. This is a great hindrance to the gospel.

5. Speech

For the sake of ourselves and those that are lost, let us watch our speech and let our conversations be seasoned with grace to the hearer. Our conduct and speech is something which, if we do not watch, will certainly hinder the progress of the GOSPEL. Everyone is watching the Christian and we hold a high standard in our communities. Let us not lower that standard, but hold it high. Hallelujah!

6. Pride

Had you noticed how easy it is for
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Knowledge vs. Wisdom

Floyd D. Carey

Daniel 12:4.

Knowledge sometimes causes one to become puffed up, to even consider oneself superior to other of God's creation. In most every town in the United States, you will find people who consider themselves too good to consort with others whose material assets may be less than those possessed by themselves. People on one side of town will not mingle with those from the other side of the railroad, and teach their children to snub the little fellows, also.

For man to get a clear conception of himself, he should visit some of our beautiful mountains in the United States, and look across the deep chasms to the towering peaks. Perhaps that would cause him to think he is just a small part in this great oblate spheroid that the Master hath created. Conjections have been made and theories have been advanced as to the creation of hills and dales, why the world can stay in space without anything on which to hang, and the origin of life, the theory that man sprang from a monkey. (A self-respecting monkey would feel insulted if compared to some humans residing in this world.)

The same man that has knowledge to administer medical aid to some unfortunate person afflicted with an ailment, will fill himself with whiskey that destroys the reasoning faculties of man, also the organs that if functioning properly tend to give good health unto us. He will deliberately start smoking a cigarette made of weeds, that even the companies themselves advertise as not being free from harmful effects, but merely emphasize the fact that their product is less harmful to the helpless victim who is unfortunate enough to get bound with such a habit. A grown man, well and strong, has knowledge to start his automobile and drive to a liquor store and purchase the vile stuff they dispense there; but the same man does not have wisdom to know that said stuff is detrimental to his welfare, and perhaps on the morrow he will be too sick to go to his job.

I visited a jail in south Georgia, to see a man who was in jail for murder. He, in a drunken state, killed a woman and woke up the next day entirely unaware of the crime that he perhaps will have to pay for with his life.

Many men have the knowledge to earn large salaries, yet have homes that are far below the standard enjoyed by people whose incomes are half of that enjoyed by the higher paid ones. Why? The first family had knowledge to earn the money but no wisdom to use the money to the best advantage.

Every year people will leap off into space from the observation tower of the Empire State Building. It requires a certain amount of knowledge to board the elevator and get off at the right place, to climb over the parapet and make the leap, but the wisdom is surely questionable.

A baby will find a can of kerosene and has sufficient knowledge to lift it to his lips, and drink same, but has not the wisdom to know that the effects are harmful.

Sin is sometimes camouflaged to such an extent that even the saints are deceived unless they are prayed up. Man has knowledge to participate in revelry, adultery and idolatry, but wisdom crieth out, "Tis folly to deviate from the Word of God." Gal. 6:7 screams a warning to every one to stay clear of all Satan's snares, or reap the consequences. God will not make you do right, but when the books are

opened you will wish you had given heed to the pleadings of the Word of God. Time after time you have heard the exhortations to come out of sin and live for the Master.

James 1:5 is the key to wisdom, and will unlock a vast supply of wisdom for all who will ask.

Times are constantly changing,
Old ideas are made quite new,
Home life being bettered,
New things for all of you.

Gadgets to lighten our housework,
Electricity turns the churn,
New inventions on the toaster
Keeps the toast from being burned.

New drugs prevent the whooping
cough,
Smallpox, measles as well,
And to have an appendectomy,
Why! that is simply swell.

You can talk into a gadget,
In most any little town,
And your voice will have such power
Till it's heard the world around.

Just step into an airplane,
Hand your ticket to the man,
In a few short easy hours
You are in a foreign land.

Though man's knowledge is increasing,
He is surely soon to fall;
His wisdom is decreasing,
Why, he uses none at all.

The Master says to seek ye first
The kingdom that is above,
Where Jesus sits upon His throne
And rules His own with love.

The carnal man will never know
The ways of God with men,
Until he gets the mind of Christ
And stays away from sin.

—F.D.C.

REQUESTS... for Prayer

Pray for—

Complete healing for my husband, he has been in the hospital three months; my boys' tonsils.—Mrs. L. C. Boatner, Oak Grove, La.

A very urgent unspoken request; my healing; our little two weeks' old baby; our home, my husband isn't a Christian.—Mrs. Marshal Garrison, Double Springs, Ala.

A lady who is undergoing a serious operation for varicose veins; aged woman who has high blood; a friend who has T.B.—James K. Earls, Bloomington Springs, Tenn.

Healing for my throat and of cold.—Sarah Harrah, Mullins, W. Va.

God to heal me of epileptic attacks.—Freddy Collins, Cobbtown, Ga.

My unsaved family.—A sister.

The Lord to heal me of kidney and bladder trouble.—M. M. White.

A special unspoken request; Sister Belle Scaff, whose home has been torn up by sin, her husband is a backslider.—Sister Bertha H. Stewart, Huntington, W. Va.

A good Christian boy, Coches Bryant, who has a broken leg and burst knee cap.—Mrs. J. E. Bryant, Lexington, Ky.

My head to be healed, and other ailments which are very serious at times; my mother, who has heart trouble.—A sister.

My husband to be saved and healed. My children to be saved; that I may receive the Holy Ghost; a boy, fifteen, to be healed of sugar diabetes.—A reader.

Healing for my head and ear; the Lord to give me faith to trust Him.—Mrs. Orton.

A special unspoken request; my healing of hemorrhoids.—Sister Ward, Williamston, N. C.

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Alone with God

By George B. Kulp

Only those radiate the power of His presence who have been ALONE with God.

Have you learned the secret of victory when you are a thousand miles away from home? when darkness gathers? when there is sickness in the home and friends look sad? when the last dollar is spent, the coal in the bin is running low, the flour barrel is almost empty, and the enemy comes in like a flood and says, "Where is now thy God?" No human aid can help you at such times. Human sympathy is of little avail. But there is One in whom you can confide, One who will lend a listening ear, One who is able to supply all your needs, One who will incline Himself to listen to your prayers. Yes, there is One, when your little bark is driven by high winds, in foul weather, when your masts have gone by the board, when your anchor drags and sails are rent—One who has sailed in storms before, and who knows all the seas. And if you will ask Him and let Him, He will come aboard and be as real to you as your own mother. At His word, seas will be calm, winds will cease, Euroclydons will obey, and you and heaven and hell will know that you have God on board.

How can you get in touch with Him? Thank God, if you never have known the secret, you may know it now. Here it is—get alone with God.

Read your Bible, read the pages of history and see for yourself and know by experience that to be alone with God is the source of power and the secret of victory. Read in the Bible of a lonely man who ran away because he feared the wrath of the most powerful king the world at that time knew, away from mother, away from kinsfolk, out into the loneliness of the desert. There God appeared to him, talked to him, gave him a commission, and started him on a career that made him the great lawgiver of Israel, and finally honored him with a funeral that only God and the angels attended, and buried him so secretly "by Nebo's lonely mountain" that the devil never found either body or grave.

Look at another man, running from his father-in-law, afraid of the wrath of his own brother who was coming to meet him. He gets alone—alone with

God. Children cannot stay, wife cannot stay; they are all sent "over the brook." This man must be alone. And there appeared One unto him in the hours of darkness, aye through the midnight hours, and there followed a time of struggling and determination to hold on, a confessing time. And there alone with God, he wins the victory, and his name and his nature are changed; he is no longer Jacob, but Israel, because he has power with God and has prevailed—prevailed when alone with God.

The evangelical prophet was alone with God in the Temple (I like these churches that are always open and always have an invitation to "come in and pray"), and there he saw a vision such as he nor any other ever had—a threefold vision of himself, and God, and his fellow humanity. He heard God asking for someone who would "go for us," and he replied, "Here am I; send me." He would never have been known as the evangelical prophet; he never would have seen the "mighty to save" travelling in the greatness of His strength, His gar-

ments stained with blood, had he not been alone with God. Alone with God, he was, in due time, brought face to face with the Treader of the Winepress, the "Coming One" from Edom, the "Plant of Renown."

Turn to your New Testament. I want you to see a man of whom men said that his presence was "weak"; a man cursed by his church, stoned, left for dead; a man who was forsaken by his own friends. Yet, one day while alone with God, he was caught up into the third heaven where he heard things he never would nor could tell. The experience was so sacred, so sweet, that he refers to it only once; but you and I may talk it over with him sometime when we meet over yonder where God gathers His own.

One Lord's day, a disciple, most beloved, was alone, and he heard his Master's voice; and there alone with God he had visions and revelations which give us such views of heaven that we sometimes long to be there. John Bunyan, eleven years alone with God in a prison, received an allegory that he called "The Pilgrim's Progress," which blesses the world today and is valued by the church second only to the Bible.

Get alone—alone with God! Pour out your heart, tell Him everything, and He will bless. He will answer, He will deliver.—Gospel Herald.

There Is No Peace, Saith My God, to the Wicked

By John H. Sandifer

Have you ever stopped to think what those words mean? Have you ever stopped and considered that when the Lord spoke those words, He was looking forward to the time in which we are living? For the past 1,900 years, man has attempted to rule the world. Kingdoms have been set up, ironclad laws have been made, governments have been established, and everything possible for man to do has been done to bring unity, peace, and security to this world. However, we notice from this day, to as far back as history can take us, that those words ring true all the way, "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." Their kingdoms, ordinances, and laws have brought momentous feelings of peace, but for

just a short time; then they have vanished, leaving trouble and strife. Do you wonder why? There shall never be peace on this earth as long as man follows wickedness and defies the Almighty God and His laws. Nothing but a world of corruption will be obtained from their folly.

Today, our great leaders from all parts of the world are gathered together in various places to establish a world-wide peace. You and I know that the Peace Giver is not there. Our leaders are men who do not know God or trust the guidance of His Spirit. Instead of seeking the face of the living God for directions to PEACE, we find they even omitted their formal, traditional prayer before the Conference at

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Reports

FROM THE FIELD

Maryland—a Wonderful and Needy Field

I truly praise the Lord for His wonderful love. I praise Him for our church in Baltimore and our good pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. F. B. Marine, who feed our souls with the Word of God and are so good to help us when we are in need.

Every department of our church is growing. Souls pray through in almost every service. It's just like a revival all the time. I praise God for every soul God has saved.

Rev. Finis J. Dake is here in a revival. God is saving souls each night and setting His approval on the wonderful sermons and Bible lectures of Brother Dake. Sister Dake will be with us in another week. May God bless her in winning souls for God.

Maryland is a wonderful and needy field in which to work for the Lord. May God help us to hold up the blood-stained banner and preach the truth of God uncompromisingly. We want God to have His way in our lives.

We really appreciate our good and efficient state overseer, Rev. O. C. Crank, and his fine State Youth Director, Rev. Kenneth C. Combs. They have their hearts in this great work of winning souls for God. All are working together in love and fellowship. May God give us souls, is our prayer. —Margaret Varner, reporter.

God Is Blessing

We do praise God for our good pastor and wife, who are doing a wonderful work here. We have bought new lights and a felt carpet and runners for the church. We have the lots for a parsonage and have some money raised, and God is blessing us.—Mrs. T. G. Conner, Rutherfordton, N. C.

Toledo Marches On

Toledo had a very successful revival in March. The evangelist was the well-known Rev. D. R. Moreland, of Saxton, Pa. The meeting was a great blessing to the church, in reconsecration and a goodly number receiving definite experiences and uniting with the church. The evangelist helped the pastor in securing pledges for more than \$1,000 for the church expenses for the current year. A good attend-

ance was appreciated. People came from as far as fifty miles to enjoy these meetings. I have never heard Brother Moreland preach better than he is doing today. Anyone would not miss it to secure his services, if you desire an old-time revival.

Two weeks after this revival, we launched a two weeks' pre-Easter Youth for Christ revival, with Rev. Bruce Hughes and wife as evangelists. This was also a very fine meeting, which closed on Easter Sunday with great sunrise and Communion services. We were also favored with the Ohio State Youth Director, Rev. Ollie Polen, and wife, who conducted the Sunday Orphanage service and received a nice offering of \$123.44 for our orphans. The Sunday School attendance was 175. Also, the contest, which was started in Brother Moreland's revival, closed with the blue side winning. The grand total for contest efforts was \$531.50, which was applied on the new modern oil heating system, which cost about \$1,200. All of this has been done by the fine co-operation of the good church and friends. We desire your prayers, that God will continue to bless the Toledo church.—Rev. C. G. Carder, pastor.

Canadian School Term Closes

During the first week end in April, the closing exercises of the Canadian Church of God Bible School, located at Moose Jaw, Sask., brought to an end one of the most successful terms in its history. The five-month term saw great strides both in the curriculum covered and in spirituality. Seventeen students were gloriously filled with the baptism of the Holy Spirit during the term. Many times class schedules were laid aside as the students sought God for deeper consecration. One week in particular will never be forgotten by the students as they sought God in prayer that Monday night and prayed almost unceasingly until Friday night. What a visitation of God's presence!

On April 2, Rev. G. C. Pettyjohn, overseer of Central Canada, and a former minister of Saskatchewan, delivered the Baccalaureate sermon—a stirring message which will long be remembered.

We felt honored to have our former overseer, Rev. Paul Walker, with us for the closing exercises and for the district convention which was held that same week end. This was his first visit to the Moose Jaw church and school and truly his ministry was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated. On Saturday evening he was the guest speaker at the Youth for Christ rally held in one of the larger churches. Sunday morning he brought the commencement address, after which Rev. James B. Reesor, superintendent and provincial overseer, presented the diplomas to five graduates: Aileen Haaheim, valedictorian, Lois Anderson, salutatorian, Vernice Meyers, Rudolph Barsness, and Allen McGhie.

Sunday afternoon, the audience was greatly moved as Brother Walker, chairman of the Foreign Mission Board, portrayed a vivid picture of our mission work and its needs. The congregation responded with a good mission offering and several young people dedicated their lives to mission work.

Sunday evening marked the closing of the district convention with a great evangelistic service, Brother Walker bringing a timely sermon on the "Teachings of the Church of God." We anticipate great progress for the work in Western Canada.

We were also privileged to have our former superintendent, Rev. Wm. Pospisil, with us, as well as Rev. M. G. McLuhan and two carloads of teachers and students from the Northwest Bible and Music Academy, Lemmon, S. Dak.—Mrs. Edward Yecha, reporter.

The Leadbelt District Convention

The Leadbelt District Convention convened at Cantwell, Missouri, March 21-23, with Rev. Geo. L. Britt, district pastor, and Rev. Wilma Henry, state overseer, moderating.

Everyone attending the services was blessed by the presence of God which we felt through the entire convention. This was one of the best conventions ever held on this district and the offerings exceeded those of previous years. The mission offering was \$1,281.26 and the Orphanage offering was \$498.85.

At the closing service some of the ministers were asked to express their opinion of the convention. One minister said the attendance was the largest it had been in six years. Another mentioned the good sermons preached and the wonderful spirit of unity among the churches on the district.—Sylvia Holdman, convention clerk.



THE LATEST NEWS

The friends of the French family and the Cook family will be glad to learn that these missionaries have arrived in India and are now in South India for the summer. They are all well and are thrilled because they are now in the field to which the Lord has called them.

Rev. D. B. Hatfield is en route to Egypt and Palestine. We have not heard from him since his embarkation. Pray that the Lord will give him a safe trip.

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Kluzit have arrived in France. We have not heard how they are getting along, nor what the outlook is for the Church of God. We are glad that they arrived safely and are praying that God will make their work fruitful during the time they are there.

Miss Josephine Planter, our missionary to Tunis, is in need of prayer. We hear from her often and in her last letter she stated she had finally been able to get permission to enter Tunis for two months. She stated that the Catholics were trying to take her property and destroy her Mission House. Her life is in constant danger and she requested that we ask the people of the Church to pray for her, that the Lord would protect her. Although her letters often tell of many trials and hardships, she is always praising God for His goodness and blessings. This sister is seventy years of age and is alone in this dark land. Please pray that God will protect her and give her souls.

QUARTERLY MEETING IN BARBADOS, B. W. I.

Sunday, March 30, was the day fixed for the quarterly meeting of the New Testament Church of God. At 8 a.m., people began to gather at

the Bay Street Beach to witness the baptism in water of the candidates who were to come from different parts of the Island. The baptismal ceremony was performed by the overseer, Bishop J. B. Winter. Fourteen believers were buried with their Lord in water baptism.

The Steel Shed, in the Queen's Park, had been secured for the meeting, which was in full swing by 10:30 a.m. This was a time of great rejoicing. After a rousing song service and a wonderful praise service, the overseer took over the meeting. He began

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER (Continued from page 7)

My brother, who hasn't recovered from a nervous breakdown, had the flu and is left with a terrible cough; his wife to be saved.—A sister.

God to restore my father's and mother's health and save my brother and brother-in-law.—A friend.

My sister I haven't heard from for sixteen months; God to save her soul, also two other sisters and brothers; my husband and two boys and girls to be saved; a friend, who is in bad health, and her family to be saved.—A member of the Church of God, Tucson, Ariz.

My daughter to be healed; a son who has had a cancer seventeen years; my unsaved loved ones; me.—A sister in Christ.

My dear Dad to be healed of a head and stomach trouble and the Lord to save his soul; healing for my darling baby.—A friend.

God to heal me, I have been ordered to come to the U.S.A. for a serious operation; my husband, who has sciatica; my aunt who is very ill; my sister, who has a tumor.—Mrs. A. E. Musson, Balleys Bay, Bda.

My husband, who is in a serious condition, that God will undertake and heal him.—Mrs. Arthur York, Chautauqua, Kans.

A very urgent unspoken request; my unsaved loved ones; that I might have faith to stand through this trial.—A sister in Christ, Atlanta, Ga.

That my little granddaughter might return to us.—Dovie Alexander, Vico, Ky.

Healing of my body; a very special request.—Mrs. Myrtle Rylle, 633 Lake St., Blytheville, Ark.

My daughter, who has fever and is in a very serious condition, that God will save her soul.—Mrs. B. Wrigglesworth, Higdon, Ark.

My wife to be healed of cancer; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—John R. Paulk, Box 94, Venice, Fla.

The healing of Mrs. Amanda Johnson.—Rev. Earl Padgett, Madison, Fla.

My dad's healing of a terrible stomach ailment; a friend, who must be operated on.—Bill Gannon, who has enlarged heart.—Albert Lawson, Route 2, Holly Grove, Ark.

Me to be healed of smothering spells.—Eva Smith, Bremen, Ala.

Me.—Mrs. Genite Butler, Bremen, Ala.

God to heal my body. Doctors give little hope.—Mrs. J. W. Aaron, Route 1, Rocky Face, Ga.

by thanking God for His goodness and for the privilege of again being where we had plenty of room for our people to gather from their different assemblies. The overseer gave an account of his recent trip to St. Kitts, St. Martin, St. Lucia, and Antigua, and told of the wonderful way in which God was blessing and helping our work and workers in these different islands. During the trip, 108 seekers came to the altars in the meetings that he was able to conduct.

The reports brought in at our conference showed that seventy-eight souls were saved for the last three months, 159 were sanctified, and eight prayed through and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

The quarterly offerings toward the expense of the meeting and our building program were not what we would like to have seen, but the Lord blessed us with \$177.75. Our building needs are so great we have to wonder what to do first, as labor and material are so high. Dear ones, pray for us here in this part of the great mission field of the great Church of God.—Violet L. Winter, evangelist.

My healing. I am in a serious condition.—Mrs. Necie Stuart, Bremen, Ala.

My healing.—Mrs. Annason, Route 1, Magee, Miss.

God to undertake.—Miss Rennie Owen.

Danny Thorpe, who is suffering with sugar diabetes; my loved ones and dad to be saved.—A sister in Christ.

My unsaved daughter, who has leakage of the heart; her unsaved husband; my healing.—M. A. Tate, Mullins, W. Va.

My son's healing; his wife to be saved.—Mrs. J. A. Douglas, Route 2, Box 115, Jellico, Tenn.

My healing; a special unspoken request; a church to be established here.—Louis Barnes, Cheshire, Ohio.

My daughter's healing; someone to conduct a revival in College Corner, Ohio.—Mrs. George Bryant, Jellico, Tenn.

The Lord to heal me.—Mrs. Laura Andrew, Tampa, Fla.

God to save my husband; the healing of a friend's baby.

The healing of my husband, mother, and sister; Mrs. J. W. McCoy's soul and body; two unspoken requests.—Mrs. R. D. Holloway.

The healing of my daughter who has a goiter; the salvation of my husband and three children; a girl to receive the Baptism.—Mrs. Nancy Owens, Route 1, Section. Ala.

Me to be refilled with the Holy Ghost.—A sister.

My husband who has lost his mind.—Mrs. Sadie Bolin, Box 130, Hazelwood, N. C.

My husband to be healed and saved; an unspoken request.—Mrs. C. T. Brookman, Pulas-ki, Va.

My mother's healing; my healing; my daughter's healing.—Mae Berry, Kincaid, W. Va.

My mother, Mrs. Pullin, who is very sick.—Sister Hyde, Copperhill, Tenn.

A very urgent request.—Mrs. B. Melvin, Route 2, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Me to be healed.—Rev. J. Dill, Chouteau, Okla.

My son who is mentally ill; my husband to be saved.—Mrs. Lois Sandifer, Schererville, Ind.

My daughter, Elma Massley, in Eastern State Hospital, to be healed and returned to her four children; Belle Pitts; my family to be Christians; my daughter, Goldie Mae, also Mrs. Elsie Pitts and Cinda Eversole.—Mrs. Sadie Ward, Inez, Ky.

My son's healing; unspoken requests.—Patsy Mandola, Davin, W. Va.

OBITUARIES

SHOUP

Brother William R. Shoup departed this life to be with Jesus Feb. 21, 1947, age fifty-six years. Brother Shoup was a real man of God and was ever at his post of duty. He was clerk of the Church of God at Ferndale, Fla. He loved the Church and its teachings, and testified many times of the barrel of honey in his soul. He was a good personal worker, always inviting people to come to church. He is greatly missed in his church, community, and home.—His wife, Lessie Shoup.

WEECH

Our dear Brother Weech, born April 27, 1881, departed this life April 13, 1947, near sixty-six years old. Brother Weech was a faithful member of the Church of God in Key West, Fla. He will be missed by his family and many friends. He was always kind to everyone. He was patient to the end and never complained or questioned the Lord for his suffering. He went to sleep in Jesus without any struggle.—Rev. Carl W. Bryan, pastor.

RICHARDSON

Rev. Claude Richardson was born March 17, 1900, and died Jan. 27, 1947. He was a World War veteran and one of north Georgia's prominent bishops. He was ordained as a minister in 1934 and as a bishop in 1941. He served as pastor and in evangelistic work.

The funeral service was held at Timms Chapel. Rev. A. V. Beaubé, state overseer of Georgia, and Graham Oglesby, were the speakers. Rev. Grady England, a Methodist minister and personal friend of the deceased, also participated in the service.

Surviving are his wife, three sons, mother, sister, and grandson.—Ben Bright.

CALLMAN

Mrs. Marietta Callman died Dec. 12, 1946, at the home of W. F. Callman. She was born May 12, 1860. Funeral service was held at Timms Chapel and burial was at Sardis. Mrs. Fannie B. Freeman, pastor of the Sardis church, officiated, assisted by Rev. Bill Cantrell and Reverend Richardson.—Ben Bright.

STEPHENS

Cortex Stephens, of Russell Springs,

Ky., departed this life April 25, 1947, at the age of seventy-four years. He was a charter member of the Church of God at Bernard, also one of the trustees, and a loyal and faithful member. He will be greatly missed by all, but our loss is heaven's gain.—Rev. Willie Cook, pastor.

McKENY

Little Joseph B. McKeny went to be with Jesus March 5, 1947, age five months, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McKeny. Rev. S. T. Luke had charge of the funeral services.—Mrs. H. P. Wood.

WILLIS

Sister Victorine Willis, age fifty-seven years, exchanged this life for a better one in heaven April 19, 1947. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Alvin, Ill. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew her and loved her radiant smile and glorious gospel in song.—Rev. E. R. Hancock, pastor.

HOPKINS

Sister Joe Hopkins, a faithful and loyal member of the Church of God at Wheelwright, Ky., has gone to be with Jesus. Our great loss is heaven's gain.—Mrs. Clyde Cannon.

YOAKUM

Our beloved Sister Jane Yoakum went to be with Jesus April 12, 1947, age seventy-six years. She started with the Lord at the age of fifteen and was the oldest member in the Shipley's Grove Church of God. She was faithful to the end and left the testimony that she was ready to go.—Rev. Roy Dagnan, Speedwell, Tenn.

BANISTER

Mrs. Amanda Banister, of Crown Hill, W. Va., died Feb. 18, 1947, at the

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age of seventy-seven years. She was a member of the Church of God twenty-four years and superintendent of the Sunday School for many years. She was born at Lens Creek, W. Va.

BRADLEY

Mrs. Millie Bradley passed away to be with Jesus Feb. 23, 1947. She was a true and faithful member.—Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Babinette.

KIMMEL

B. D. Kimmel, a faithful member of the Church of God at Ranger, Texas, passed away April 27, 1947. He was seventy-two years old and trusted God to the end.—C. F. Meador, pastor.

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REVIVALS

I praise and glorify God for the wonderful revival at Isaac Creek. Brother Clyde Fore did the preaching. The Holy Ghost was with us in each service. There were three saved, three sanctified, and three added to the church. Brother E. H. Phillips is our pastor. He is a real man of God. Brother Clyde Fore is a fine evangelist. Pray for us as we are planning a new church building very soon.—Troy P. Lall, Taylorville, N. C.

We are having a wonderful time at the Church of God at San Pablo, Calif. In one week there have been fifteen saved, twelve sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, thirteen baptized in water, fourteen added to the church, and the end is not yet. The Lord is healing people. Pray for us at San Pablo.—James Akin.

We have had a three weeks' revival at National, W. Va., Brother Kenneth Weaver doing the preaching. Two backsliders and several young people were blessed, and others were at the altar seeking sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

We are in our new church which God prospered us with. By His help we expect to do great things for Him. Our tithes are gaining. We thank God for all these good blessings.—Harold Lintner, Morgantown, W. Va.

SOUTH CAROLINA REVIVALS

MARION

We closed a revival here at the church in Marion March 22, with Rev. W. R. Craven, our district overseer, as the evangelist. God blessed in a great way. Many were blessed.

There were twelve saved, six sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church. We had record attendance. Some nights we could scarcely seat the people, and Sunday, March 23, our Sunday School reached 151. This broke the record for at least five or six years.—Rev. Eugene Rhoden, pastor.

BELTON

We have had another great revival at the Belton church. Rev. Max L. Atkins, of Augusta, Ga., was the evangelist. The revival closed last night

with the altars filled with seekers. There were four saved, three sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost last night in the closing service.

In all, there were sixty-two saved, forty-one sanctified, thirty-four filled with the Holy Ghost, and fifteen added to the church. We give God all the praise. It was only through Him that we were able to accomplish such a victory.—Rev. G. W. Cooper, pastor.

SLATER

The church at Slater has just closed a wonderful revival, with Rev. C. J. Hester as the evangelist. There were thirty-seven saved, twenty-eight sanctified, twenty-five filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-four added to the church.

ANDERSON

Anderson recently had a great revival, with Rev. Archie Luke as the evangelist. There were forty saved, thirty-five sanctified, twenty-five baptized with the Holy Ghost, and twenty added to the church.

LEO

Leo has just closed a revival, with Rev. James R. Kitchen and Rev. R. V. Dillingham doing the preaching. There were seven saved, one sanctified, and one baptized with the Holy Ghost. Rev. L. O. Godbee is the pastor there.

The Church of God at Kimbrel's Chapel, Ga., had a wonderful revival, conducted by Rev. O. L. May and wife, of Arkansas. Thirteen were saved, six sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church.—Rev. J. L. Miller, pastor.

Haston Chapel, Doyle, Tenn., just closed a great revival. There were twenty-two saved, fourteen sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost, ten baptized in water. Our pastor, Rev. Ernest Mills, did the preaching. The attendance was good and the power of God was manifested in our services. We covet your prayers, that God will continue to bless and many more souls will be saved.—Edith Miller, clerk.

An old-fashioned revival at Golds-

boro, N. C., Sister B. J. Hillhouse doing the preaching. There were seventeen saved, fourteen sanctified, and thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost. Sister Hillhouse is a wonderful woman of God, devoting her strength and efforts to help lost souls. Her messages were under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and were soul-stirring. May God go with her and give her strength to fight the battle against Satan and his forces.—Mrs. M. M. Boyette.

The Church of God at Gainesville, Ga., recently closed a very successful revival. Rev. Don O. Tatum, of Calhoun, Ga., was the evangelist. Thirty-three were saved, thirty-one sanctified, twenty-eight filled with the Holy Ghost, thirteen added to the church, and seven baptized in water. We thank God for His great blessings.—Mrs. Dorthy Garner, reporter.

FRANKLIN, Ohio—We praise the Lord for the great manifestation of His Spirit in an eight weeks' revival. Our good pastor, Rev. James Combs, did the preaching. There were thirty souls saved, twenty sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church. We plan a water baptizing soon. We praise God for sending Brother and Sister Combs to us. They are fine workers. Our Sunday School has doubled; also, our Y. P. E. is growing. The Willing Workers are working hard. Those in charge are doing a fine work for God.

We are buying a parsonage for \$7,500. The revival spirit still prevails. Pray that the Lord will continue His blessings upon us.—Mattie McIntosh.

LIVE OAK, Fla.—We are offering praise to God for His wonderful blessings since last Assembly.

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Miller were here in a revival the first of the year. Many souls were blessed. Recently, Brother and Sister Wm. Dykes were with us in a revival and many more souls were blessed. In both revivals, we are thanking God for the testimonies of sixty-five souls saved, forty-one experiences of sanctification, and thirty-six baptized with the Holy Ghost. We desire an interest in your prayers, that the Lord will continue to bless us.

We love and appreciate our pastor, Rev. Lawson Culpepper, and family. His anointed ministry, prayers, and supplications to God have brought us many blessings.—Jim Haggen, clerk.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

:: TESTIMONIES ::

Still Have Victory

I really praise God that today finds me still with victory in my soul. I praise Him for overcoming power. Not one time have I had any desire to go back into sin. This vain world is nought to me. Children of God, let us press on to the prize of the high calling. This life is too short to give any place to the devil. Pray for our church at Warrior, that it will be a soul-saving station. We have a good, humble pastor, Brother Lankford. Pray that I might stand true until Jesus comes.—Mrs. Thomas Harris, Blount Springs, Ala.

It's Just Like Jesus to Heal

I sent a request for Phyllis to be healed of ulcers. Praise the Lord she has been healed. X-rays were made the following week and the doctors were amazed at her condition. I had such a burden for her, the Lord spoke to me as I went to pray. Praise God for her healing. I had great joy in my soul. From that time on she has been a changed girl. Her health is better than it has been for many years. Isn't that just like Jesus! I thank each one for your prayers.—Mrs. Eva R. Harbaugh, Johnstown, Pa.

To the Lord Be All the Praise

My wife has been suffering with sugar diabetes. Blisters would come on her right foot, then burst and make bad sores. One night my daughter was dressing her foot and found another blister. I spent almost half the night in earnest prayer. I promised the Lord if He would heal it and not let it make a sore, I would testify of it. It never did make a sore so I give the Lord all the glory and praise. Bless His name. Please join me in prayer for the complete healing of her body.—G. S. Scott, Toccoa, Ga.

Jesus Is Our Refuge

What a wonderful Lord we have! to pay the great debt and set us free from bondage. Glory to His holy name. In Jesus we have a refuge, a place of peace where no evil can come. I love His sweet Word. It is meat and drink to my soul, and a bright and

shining light to my path. It is joy for me to go to the house of the Lord. Our Lord is all and in all, and we are nothing without Him.—Sister Ruth-edge, Buckingham, Fla.

Victory Through the Blood

Dear Saints of God, I am glad to report victory through the blood of Jesus. I praise Him for answering prayer many times. Jesus kept my boys during the war, in the Philippine Islands and Japan. Praise the Lord forever. He is my Healer, I haven't taken a dose of medicine for fifteen years. The Lord Jesus gave me a wonderful experience. He cleansed me through His blood, sanctified and gave me the precious Holy Spirit. Trials? Yes, I have them, but they only draw me closer to Jesus. Pray that I will understand the will of God and be consecrated to Him.—Mrs. Carl Curry, Nokomis, Fla.

God Always Hears His Children's Cries

I am praising God for answering prayer. He will always hear the cries of His children. My daughter-in-law, Lila Dean, is conscious and able to speak and see again. The doctors and nurses at the hospital say God did it. Wonderful Jesus! Keep praying for her complete recovery and also that the Lord will save her soul. She is in a cast from her chest down. Pray that God will speak to my son and he will be saved. Thanks for your earnest prayers.—Mary Dean, Bronx, N. Y.

One Day He Spoke to Me

About eleven years ago I was a backslider. I took seriously ill. The doctor said I had heart trouble, kidney and bladder trouble and so many ailments. I began to pray to God to let me come back to Him, and one glad morning He told me to take up my bed and walk. Oh, praise God, He saved my soul. I pray and thank Him every day for what He did for me. I have a very urgent, unspoken request; please pray earnestly that the will of God may be done.—Mrs. Anna K. Turner, Byington, Tenn.

God Got Hold of Me

I am happy to say God has answered prayer. We needed a place to live and God gave us a house. Glory to God. Now I have more than ever for which to praise the Lord. I went to the home of Brother and Sister Mitchell. He is the pastor of one of the Houston churches. I told them I needed prayer and they began to call on the saints of God and, thank God, He made a way for me to go to church and I was saved and sanctified and am now seeking the Holy Ghost. I was a Baptist. I had on my rings but God got hold of me. I have left the things of this world behind, now I can raise holy hands unto the Lord.

I have a request. My father, sister and brother are unsaved and my husband is a member of another church. Pray that God will get hold of him like He did me. Well, we are having a wonderful time with the Lord in Houston. I could write all night, I feel so happy. How happy my dear mother will be when she reads this. She is a member of the Church of God in Somerset, Ky. Pray for me and my husband.—Mrs. Howard Homen, Houston, Texas.

He Supplies Our Needs

I thank God for full salvation. He is the supreme power over us, who supplies our every need. I thank God for the good saints at Clearwater, Fla. They held on to God for this great blessing I'm enjoying today. Also, I am in Georgia now. Pray that the Lord will make a way for me to attend services.—Mrs. Russell C. Vick, Ochlochnee, Ga.

Need Encouragement

I am not a member of the Church of God, but I have been reading the Evangel for over three years. I am saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, but I have grown cold in my experience. The Lord has blessed and healed me many times. Only a few holiness people are here and we have no place to worship except in the homes. We had a church, but the man who gave the land won't let us worship on it. We are so discouraged, so pray that something will be done about it and God will send us a good leader.—Mrs. Albert Countryman, Monroeville, Ala.

GOOD AND EVIL FROM A REVIVAL

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The Golden Rule is good when we have enough gold in it, but it is awful when a preacher puts cheap metal into it instead of gold, which is truth and honesty. A good pastor surely is a citizen of Zion. If he sweareth to his own hurt he will stick to it. Read Psalm 15. Pastors, let us be honest. We need the evangelist. Many, many times our churches have had a slump, the attendance very low, also the finance, bills were heavy and the folk discouraged, but we started a revival with an evangelist full of zeal and courage that put new life back into the church, also a gain of some new members to help carry the load. Oh, what a blessing they are to our churches! Shouldn't we appreciate them and do our best for them?

Another thing I wonder about is why a pastor who draws the limit in tithes, or near it, with a parsonage, lights and water, and many other things furnished, can feel satisfied to raise only twenty or thirty dollars a week, when he could easily do much more for the one who has done so much to help us. Come on, pastors, let us help the evangelists. Let's do our best for them. Let us quit disappointing them. When we are more honest with them, perhaps they will be more honest with us. My dad used to say to me, "Son, I want you to make a man that is afraid of no one, and a man that no one is afraid of."

We must move quickly to defeat the devil. We pastors and evangelists must rededicate our lives to God and to the Church of God, and determine that we are going to labor together with God. Let us be brethren. Let us get rid of all strife and desire for vainglory. Let us love and pray one for another, and work for each other's welfare a little more, and we will all gain the confidence of many more lay members.

I heard of a preacher who was telling of his trip to Palestine. He said, "Some of the mountains were too steep for even a donkey to climb, therefore I never tried to go up them." I hope you don't call me a donkey for writing such an article, for I feel the good spirit of God now. In closing I pray this prayer, "O Lord, have mercy on us preachers. Help us to do right."

THE HINDRANCE OF THE GOSPEL

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Satan to use us through pride? God wants you and me to keep a HUMBLE

and contrite spirit. One writer said, "These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him." A PROUD LOOK is the first one and the root of the other six. This is a hindrance and stands in the way of sinners. God help us to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, and be used for His glory.

Paul says, 1 Cor. 9:12b, "... but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ." I repeat the text, "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." Amen.

Testimony

Cain't Praise the Lord Enough

I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. Bless His Holy name! He heard my prayers and took care of my my son while on the sea, in the air, and through his ten months' stay in Germany, and brought him home safely. Thank God! When I had word he was leaving for overseas, I went down on my knees and cried and prayed until gave me the assurance He would bring him back home to us. I can't praise the Lord enough for His goodness.—Mrs. Dovie Dean, Midland, City, Ala.



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THERE IS NO PEACE, SAITH MY GOD, TO THE WICKED

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San Francisco a short time ago. Why? Because the Russian delegate did not believe in Christianity. My Lord! How can God give peace to a people so wicked and unconcerned?

Even now, while they are assembling, in all parts of the world there are still wars, strife and the voices of the people crying for possession of more of this world's good. Yes, we have just finished a war, and even as the delegates sit around their tables there is an ever-increasing rise of discontentment. What are they seeking? PEACE! Little do they realize the One who gives peace is being neglected. God help them to awake to the realization that they are a complete failure, and may they begin to seek the face of Him above.

We see the British trying to stop the Jews from returning to their own home land; however, it is defying the Almighty God. He said in His Word they would claim again their own land, and may I say, if every army in the world could be placed between the Jews and the Holy Land, it would not stop God's plans, for they shall be fulfilled to the last word.

Let us notice for a moment our own country. For several weeks, almost every day, you could pick up a daily newspaper and read of a hotel burning; then, a few days later, someone had invented a way of security for the hotel lodgers. Lord, help people to realize there is no security, only through the blood of Jesus Christ, as God begins to kindle His wrath against a backslidden world, a world that lies in wickedness. Romans 12: 19b, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord."

"There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." If one of the world's great leaders had spoken these words, there would be a way to buy your way to peace, either legally or by bribery. But thank God, there is only one way to find peace. Turn from your wicked ways and seek God. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Mothers, fathers, boys, and girls, there is a peace that awaits you at God's altar. If your home is torn by sin, children gone astray, and you long for peace, forget the thought that you will gain peace in this world and seek the face of the Peace Giver.

UNITY OF THE SPIRIT

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has been tempered by messages given by the Holy Spirit. Then again, some offending party apologized. At other times, we found ourselves and the way out through concert prayer, drenched with tears—prayers that went up to the Almighty God for healing, help and guidance, until blended voices resembled the sound of many waters. God heard and there were shouts of victory and we squared our shoulders, lifted our heads, and carried on. Yes, carried on for God and His Church with full, sweet, glorious UNITY of the Spirit! Thus, the Church of God, local and general, in the face of the many difficult problems that have and shall always confront her, established and maintained her residence in the bounds of this precious, limit-

less 133d Psalm:

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

"It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments;

"As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

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